

AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 11 and 19.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets showing changes

REMARKS

Applicants' undersigned representative wishes to thank Examiners Roy and Santiago for the courteous and helpful interview conducted on December 2, 2004. As a follow up to the interview, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 16 have been amended, and claims 22-25 have been added. Please note that the claims have been further amended, beyond the changes set forth in the draft Amendment considered during the interview. Claims 1-11 and 14-25 are now pending in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications. Figures 11 and 19 are also amended. Figure 11 has been revised to correct an inadvertent typographical error.

Figure 19 is objected to as being informal. The Examiner requests that the drawing be labeled as prior art. The drawing has been changed, as required.

Claims 1, 3 and 6 are objected to as being informal. The claims have been amended to overcome the objection.

Claims 1-8 and 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over JP 09-127885 (Asai) in view of Broer. Reconsideration is respectfully requested, in light of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Broer refers to a system which creates and processes electrically stimulated light. The system does not process any additional or ambient light. The implementation of the illumination system in Broer is in a flat-panel picture display system which would prevent outside or ambient light from entering the illumination

system. Although Broer refers to the use of polarization separators, it does not teach the use of polarization separators in reflecting ambient light. Conversely, Asai does not teach the use of polarization separators. The failure to implement polarization separators in Asai allows for more of the ambient light to be emitted back out of the system.

The claimed invention allows for some of the ambient light to be emitted out of the system, but because of the implementation of the polarization separators which reflect light which is not of the correct polarization, the ambient light that is emitted is of a smaller and more particular wavelength allowing for a greater improvement in contrast. The claims have been amended to refer to the two different sources of light, and there are other important differences between the claimed invention and the prior art.

Claims 9-11 and 21 should be allowable along with claim 6 and for other reasons.

The allowance of claim 14 is gratefully acknowledged.

If necessary, the Examiner is respectfully requested to provide an English language translation of Asai pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 706.02(II).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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FIG. 11

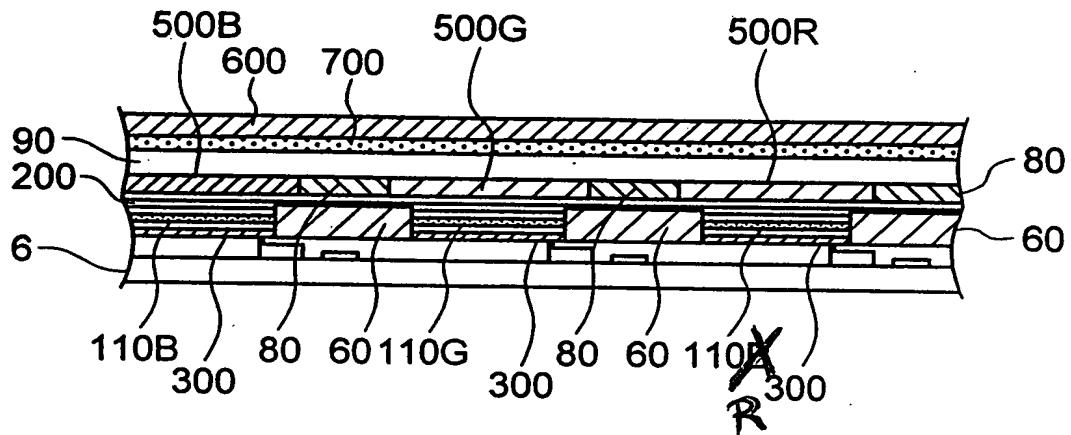
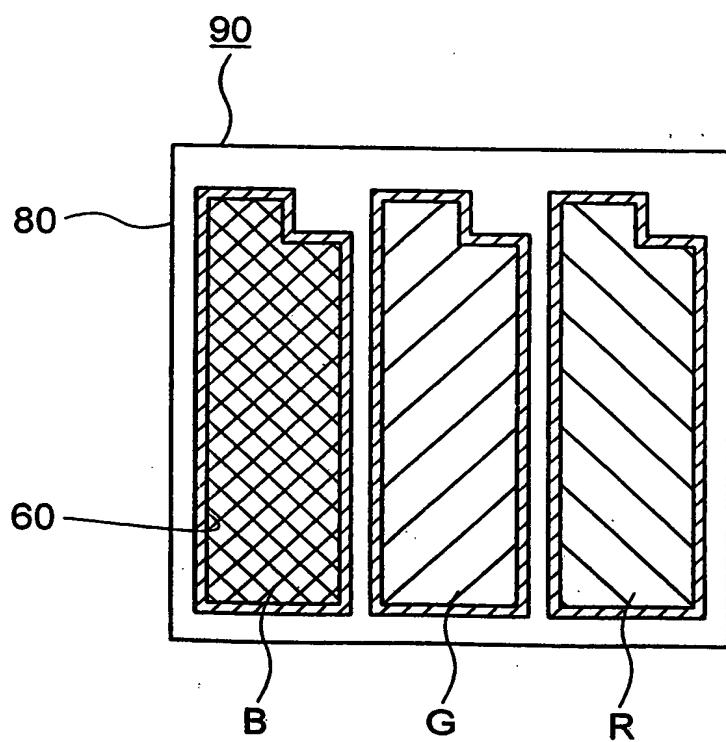
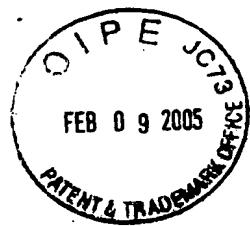


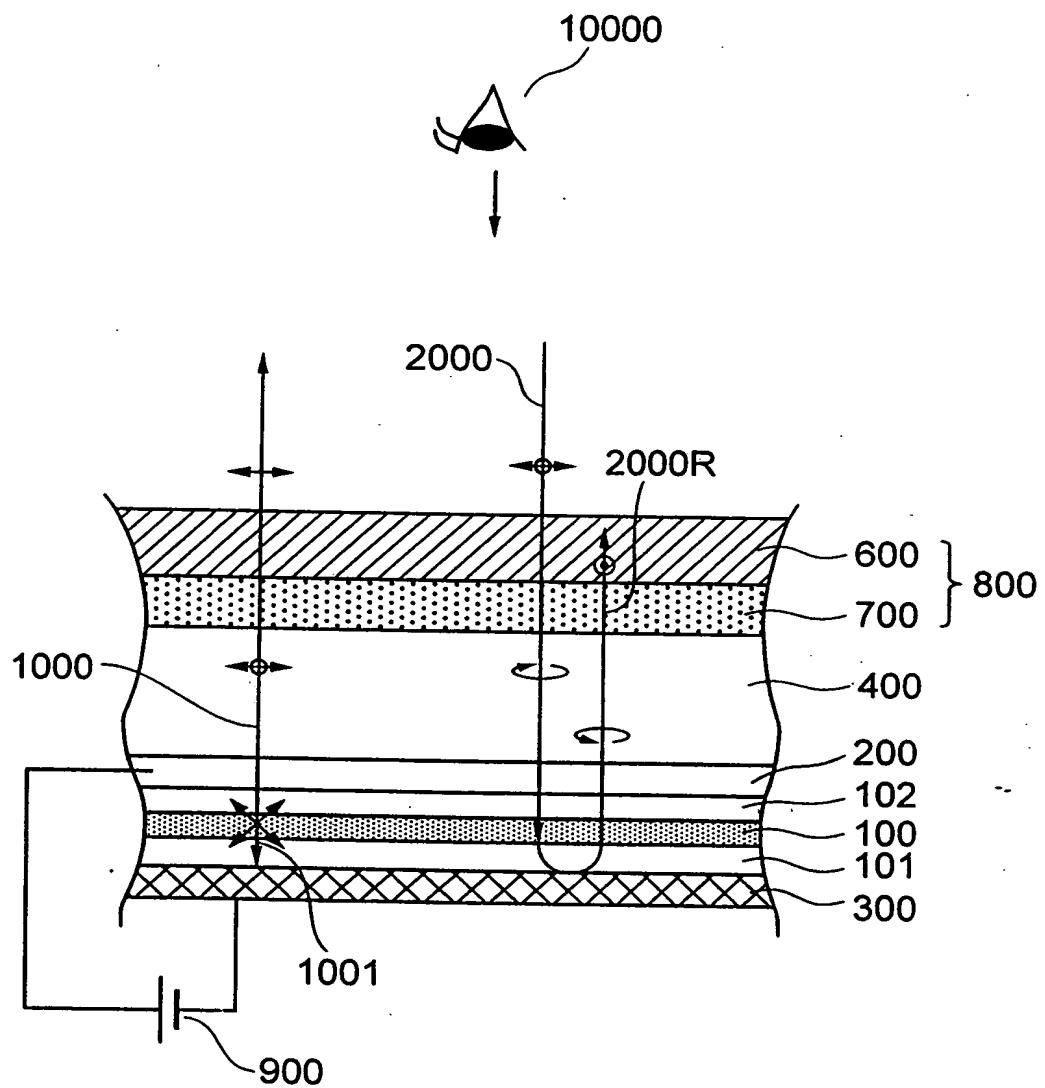
FIG. 12





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FIG. 19



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